

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*1343 Penniman Avenue*  
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*Sunday, January 29, 2023*  
*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.  
- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

Text: Joseph Humphries (b. 1720)

1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with  
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the  
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a

Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;  
Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;  
heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,

Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered  
They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered  
Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered

may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

## STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

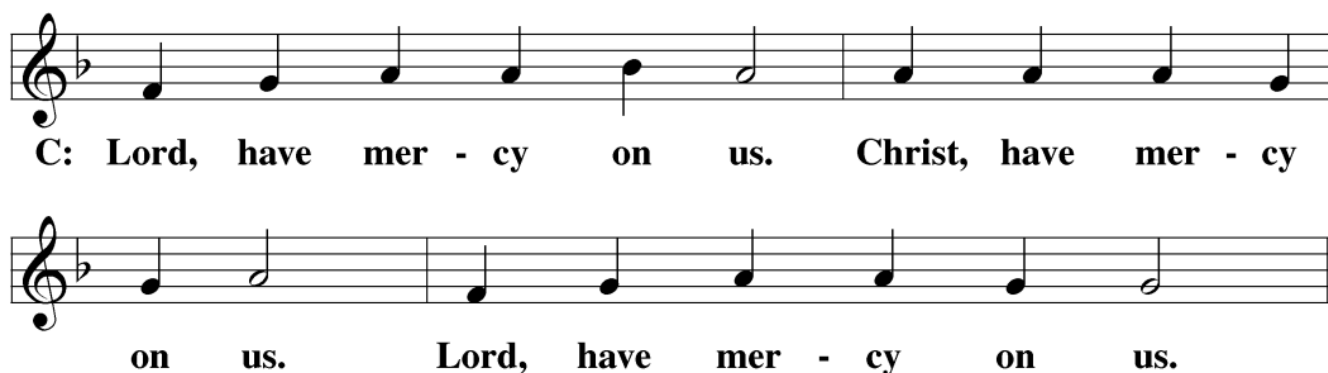


## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

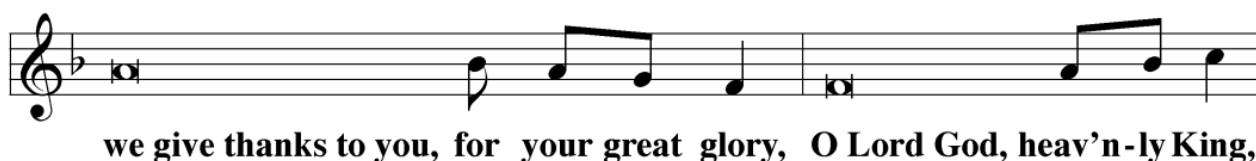
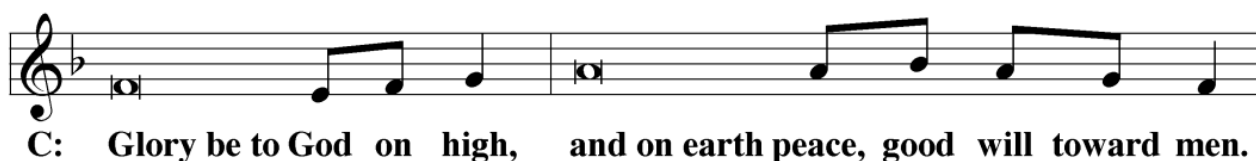


**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** Micah 6:1-8

**6** Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,  
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised,  
and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup> “With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

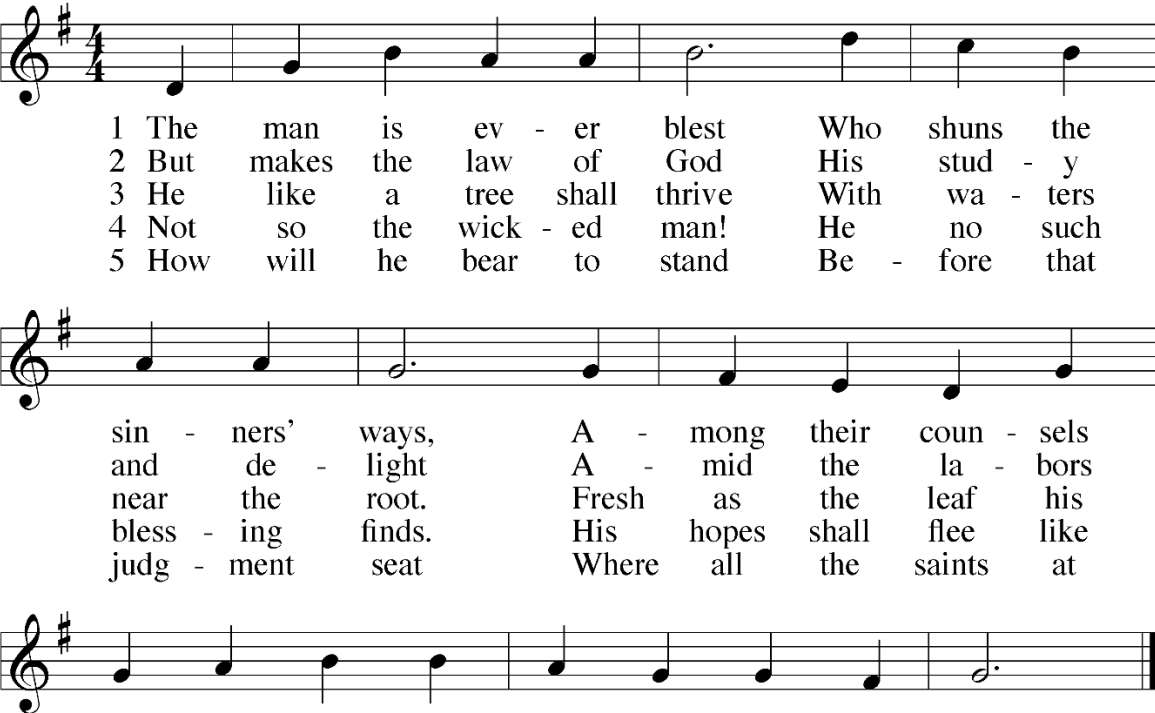
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, what is good;  
 and what does the LORD require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
 and to walk humbly with your God?

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 1 – The congregation will sing  
**Hymn #475** “The Man is Ever Blest.” Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the  
 2 But makes the law of God His stud - y  
 3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters  
 4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such  
 5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that

sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels  
 and de - light A - mid the la - bors  
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf his  
 bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like  
 judg - ment seat Where all the saints at

nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
 of the day And watch - es of the night.  
 name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
 emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.  
 Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
 The way the righteous go,  
 But sinners and their works shall meet  
 A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia! (Luke 4:18)

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

**5** Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

**2** And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

**3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down  
from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE: “Blessed Are They”**

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Blessed are they, happy are they, blessed are they of God.  
Happy are those who are poor in spirit, for they shall be blessed of God.  
He gently will lead them; he gladly will feed them.  
Their home is the heart of God.

And blessed are those with sorrow and woe; his comfort and joy will overflow.

The meek and the lowly, blessed and holy: Great is their gift from God.

Happy are those who desire the righteousness born of God.

He blesses their hunger; he fills them with wonder.

Their rest is the peace of God.

And blessed are those who mercy do show; his grace and compassion will know.

The blessed of children see now this heaven, held in the hand of God.

Happy are those who love peace, for they are the sons of God.

His light does shine through them; his truth will be in them.

Their life is the light of God.

The world will now hate them; it hates him before them.

Their part is the love of God.

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit. Happy are those who do mourn.

Blessed are those who are meek. Happy are those whose hearts yearn.

Blessed are those who show grace. Happy are those who are pure.

Blessed are those who seek peace. Happy are those who know God.

***BE SEATED***

# HYMN OF THE DAY: #395 “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635)



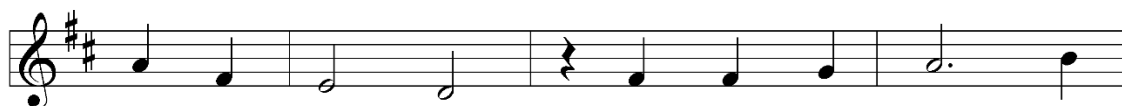
1 Seek where you may To find a way  
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;  
3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,  
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is  
None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers  
Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him  
Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



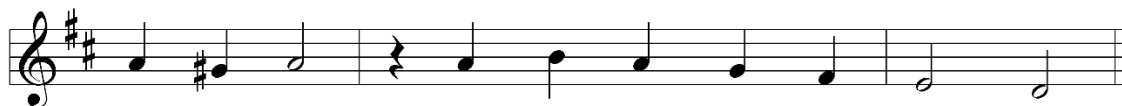
stilled; On Christ I build— He is the  
failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,  
first, All you who thirst For grace that  
pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His  
and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our  
fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek  
love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My  
life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For  
him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He  
pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.  
he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.  
will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.  
e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt.

Tune: SUCH, WER DA WILL (447 447 44 447) Johann Stobäus, 1580–1646, alt.

# SERMON

## STAND

### **PSALM 51 RESPONSE** *(page 20)*



The musical notation is written on five staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men."

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON**

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from (+) evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

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### ***BE SEATED***

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

**STAND**



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.



**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

***BE SEATED***

## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #518 “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”**

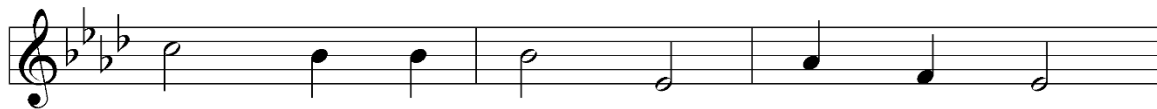
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## 518

## Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests to the world, yes, roy - al priests  
 4 Christ on our lips, his Word we speak.  
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring,  
 King - ship with him his ser - vants gain.  
 As mem - bers of Christ's fam - i - ly,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in his Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 Cleansed by the great high - priest - ly death,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 We preach a - tone - ment full and free.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to hu - man - kind.

Text: James Quinn, b. 1919, st. 1-2, 4-5, abr., alt.; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3.  
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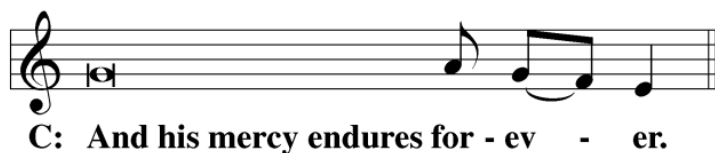
STAND

SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



**C: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class  
Wednesday - 9:30 AM Online Bible Class  
Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
- 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next Sunday: Altar Guild – Carol Schwartz  
Ushering -Team 1

**Altar flowers** are donated to the glory of God.

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